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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Ranking Member, Committee on
Natural Resources
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Westerman:

On December 27, 2020, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260) was enacted; it included Title XI, Section 1101, entitled "Aging Infrastructure Account", which amended Section 9603 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. Among other requirements, the amendment required a report (See "(d) (5) Report.--), as excerpted below.

"(5) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which an application period closes under paragraph (4)(A), the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Energy and Natural Resources and Appropriations of the Senate and the Committees on Natural Resources and Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report that—

"(A) describes the results of the Secretary's review of each application under paragraph (4)(D), including a determination of whether the project is eligible; "(B) identifies each project eligible for funds and extended repayment under this subsection...

Please see the attached first annual report and attachment on the Aging Infrastructure program. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law FY 2022 total appropriation included \$1.66 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation. Of this funding, the Bureau of Reclamation has allocated a total of \$240.359 million to fund projects within the Aging Infrastructure Program. The Bureau of Reclamation initiated the first application period for funding from the Aging Infrastructure Account in December 2021 and has analyzed and evaluated the applications, as outlined in the attached report.

Reclamation based its decisions on a thorough review Reclamation-wide to ensure a balanced approach that considered projects on the basis of relative risk, shovel readiness, among other similar factors. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Robert Wolf, Director, Program & Budget at (202) 513-0642 or rwolf@usbr.gov. For the hearing impaired, please call the Federal Relay System at (800) 877-8339 (TTY).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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